



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 19, 2000

Mr. Craig C. Donsanto, Director
Election Crimes Branch
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

RE: Pre-MUR 390

Dear Mr. Donsanto:


This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March, 30, 2000, advising us of the possibility of a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") by Mark Nichols and Gregorio Cervantes. We will review the matter and advise you of the Commission's determination. Our file number for this matter is Pre-MUR 390.

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A), the Commission's review of this matter shall remain confidential until the file has been closed.

If you have any questions or additional information, please call Maura Callaway on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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